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SUBJECT: S-CZECHOSLOVAK ECONOMIC COUNCIL SEPTEMBER
PLENARY

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1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN EMBASSY SUGGESTION TO KEEP OPEN
QUESTION OF POSSIBLE USG PARTICIPATION AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER
JULY 11 MEETING OF CZECHOSLOVAK SECTION OF COUNCIL.

2. COMMERCE HAS INFORMED US THAT, DUE TO NUMBER OF
VARIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS BOTH IN EE AND ELSEWHERE, ITS
SENIOR OFFICIALS MAKE A PRACTICE OF ATTENDING ONLY
INAUGURAL SESSIONS OF COUNCIL MEETINGS ABROAD.

3. EVEN IF ATTENDANCE BY A SENIOR USG WASHINGTON OFFICIAL
WERE POSSIBLE, WHICH WE THINK UNLIKELY, WE WOULD NOT BE
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INCLINED TO RECOMMEND IT AT THIS POINT DUE TO THE STATE OF
BILATERAL RELATIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE THINK IT
ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE FOR THE AMBASSADOR TO REPRESENT THE
USG AT THE COUNCIL PLENARY AND FOR EMBASSY OFFICERS TO
PARTICIPATE AS OBSERVERS.

4. WE WILL GIVE ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION TO THIS QUESTION

AFTER THE RESULTS OF THE JULY 11 MEETING ARE KNOWN. VANCE

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